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Mr. George Wright
Vice President, Environmental Compliance
Princess Cruises
24200 Magic Mountain Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91355-1283

Dear Mr. Wright:

RE: Princess Cruises DIAMOND PRINCESS and SAPPHIRE PRINCESS approval for continuous discharges into Washington State Waters.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on April 20, 2004, specifies specific requirements for discharges into "waters subject to this MOU" (MOU waters). The Department of Ecology (Ecology), based on the information submitted by Princess Cruises and other information gathered, hereby **APPROVES** the **DIAMOND PRINCESS** and **SAPPHIRE PRINCESS** vessels for continuous discharge in accordance with the signed MOU. The approval may be revoked if Princess Cruises fails to comply with the discharge requirements to provide for continuous advanced wastewater treatment for their discharges into MOU waters, and meet the standards set out in the MOU.

Ecology's responsibility in reviewing the above-referenced treatment technology on the above-referenced vessels is for general public health and environmental quality. It is Ecology's role to provide reasonable assurance that the proposed plan and related activities are adequate to meet such requirements. The owners/operators of the vessels shall retain full responsibility for technical adequacy and meeting Washington State Water Quality Standards. Neither Ecology nor the reviewer(s) accepts any of the owners/operators responsibility and potential liability. Nothing in this approval shall be construed as satisfying other applicable federal state or local statutes, ordinances or regulations.

For additional information, please contact Mr. Ed Abbasi, Water Quality Engineer, at the address above or at (425) 649-7227.

Sincerely,

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